University of Arkansas Libraries, Fayetteville, Arkansas
Admin Group meeting
Thursday, May 8, 2014
Present: Carolyn Henderson Allen, Jeff Banks, Marco De Prosperis, Molly Boyd, and Lora Lennertz

SEC Open Access Student Initiative
The deans and directors of the libraries in the SEC were notified that Texas A & M University submitted a grant proposal to the SEC Academic Collaboration Grant Program regarding collaboration between student governments and SEC libraries to promote open access to students with a two-day workshop. There is no timetable yet for the SEC provosts to make decisions on the grant proposals.

Library Retreat August 7-8
The administration set the library retreat for August 7-8 and are currently negotiating with Embassy Suites in Pinnacle Hills as the setting, which would allow attendees to return home both evenings. The proposal is for a speaker to open each day, break out sessions with work groups, and a speaker to conclude on Friday. The agenda of topics will be composed by the library directors in consultation with the faculty in their divisions to answer the question of “What changes can we make to best promote or support top 50 status?” The answers determined during the breakout session work groups should be concrete, achievable goals. The Top 50 remains the goal of the chancellor regardless of whether or not we have the budget increases on our wish lists, so what are the best choices for the resources we have right now? Of the various factors, we need to allocate resources toward the one we can impact the most now. The directors will meet to refine and focus topics. Selected readings and overviews of topics will be provided to attendees a month in advance so that they can prepare. Break out groups will include persons from various departments in the Libraries to provide different viewpoints.

End of Semester Head Counts
Lora Lennertz reported that head count numbers of persons in the Library are lower this spring semester compared to last semester, and in some cases, for last spring semester. These are monitored closely for extended hours.